

**CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA**

**Bicycle Advisory Board**

800 CHA, 25 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Saint Paul, MN 55112 – ph. 651-266-6217

**AUGUST NOTES**

SUBJECT: Bicycle Advisory Board Monthly meeting August 4, 2009

ATTENDING: David Kuebler, Jessica Treat (Chair), Don Muske (Ward 3), Jonathan Carter (Park and Rec Commission), Kurt Schroeder (Ward 2), Matthew Cole (Ward 5), Eric Thompson (City Staff), Chris Budel (At-Large)

ABSENT: Rob Barbosa (Ward 6), Ed Lehr (Ward 7), Richard Arey (Ward 1), Kera Peterson (At-Large), Eric Haugee (At-Large), Rob Vanasek (Ward 4), Kate Reilly (PED), Sarah Nasset (Police)

GUESTS: Mike Madden (Neighborhoods First); Deb Alper; Andy Singer (Ward 3 resident), Liz Walton (MnDOT), Becky Alper (Ward 3 resident)

SUBMITTED BY: David Kuebler

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 P.M.

NO QUORUM FOR THIS MEETING OF THE BAB

FOR DISCUSSION

Jessica Treat initiated discussion of Ward Rep seats and upcoming vacancies.

Mike Madden requested the May minutes be updated per the motion by the BAB in June. Minutes for May are hereby amended.

Invitation was extended to those in appearance as well as others, to the QBP event to be held 8/11/09.

Discussion took place with respect to the roles and responsibilities of the BAB representatives. More information would be forthcoming at the September BAB meeting.

Discussion took place as it relates to gaps in the bicycle network and Active Living Ramsey County's (ALRC) work to determine gaps within St. Paul. Mention of the next meeting of ALRC sometime during the week of August 10. Request was made from members present as to gaps that were missed as part of the initial analysis by ALRC. One gap mentioned at meeting was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street/Kellogg Boulevard gap. BAB Chair will follow up with Public Works as to submitting gap list.

Geometric Subcommittee provided update as to what the committee has been doing which included:

- Discussion of what the data collected so far means.

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- Discussion of August counts to include Jefferson west of Fairview and Jefferson between Lexington and Victoria.
- Discussion of coordination of counts between various committee members.
- Discussion of TLC “big count” to take place in September. Locations listed below.
  - Union Park counts by Smart Trips to include Hamline north of I94
  - University west of Griggs
    - Suggestion was made to do Pascal
  - Snelling south of Marshall
  - Aldine bridge
  - River Road north of Summit
  - Pelham south of I94
    - Suggestion was made to include Prior
  - Marshall east of Cleveland
  - Summit west of Snelling
- Question was posed as to how counters were obtained to which the response was “by news letter”.

Discussion of what happened to the bicycles used at the RNC and the program to use the bikes citywide. It was stated that the bicycles are at a facility on Pierce Butler. An offer has been made to use bikes in events such as the Bike Classic to which the response was that it was a good idea but there is no budget to provide City resources to lead a program. The question was posed as to who controls the bikes for use to which the response was that it takes someone in Parks and Rec to lead the charge and funding just isn’t currently available. It was further stated that the bikes are in a safe location until a use/funding is identified.

Discussion took place as it relates to trails near the Como Park Pavilion and the fact that bikes, peds and vehicles are vying for the same space. Additional information was provided by the seeming lack of direction at the site as to which side(s) of the trail(s) ped and/or bikes should use. It was stated that a bike planner should get involved since the scope of the request to have BAB provide input is beyond the expertise of the BAB. The Chair stated the BAB will follow up with Councilman Stark to see if he could provide resources to help with planning since Parks and Rec doesn’t have funding available hire a consultant. The issue will be revisited in the future.

MEETING ENDED AT 7:30